

Michigan picks Eddie Johnstone

Vernon's Eddie Johnstone, who last week was drafted in the NHL's amateur draft in the sixth round by the New York Rangers, learned Tuesday he was picked in the WHA's draft Friday by the Michigan Stags, also in the sixth round.

Johnstone scored 118 points last season with Medicine Hat Tigers in the Western Canada Hockey League.

He told the Daily News he was a little disappointed at going so low in both drafts but said that is the way the drafts went this year.

Johnstone said, "After Philadelphia winning the Stanley Cup, everyone drafted big this year.



EDDIE JOHNSTONE
... drafted by Stags

Canoe course starts Friday

A basic canoe course, co-sponsored by the Vernon Recreation Commission, Vernon Canoe and Kayak Club, and Vernon Adult Education, starts Friday at 6:30 p.m. at W. L. Seaton School.

Friday, theory and pool practice will be included. June 12 and 19, the course will continue at Kal Lake, starting at 6:30 p.m. both days.

Pre-registration and pre-payment, of \$5, must be paid to the Adult Education Department in the School Board Office.

The class is limited to 10 students and for the lake

"I have not really decided what league I will play in, that is actually in the hands of my agent now."

Another Vernon product, Tom Serviss is a member of the Michigan Stags. Before he makes any decisions, Johnstone said he would be talking to Serviss about the Michigan club.

One thing which may influence Johnstone's decision is that he does not want to spend several years in the minor leagues. With New York, there is a good chance of that happening.

However, the WHA has a drawback too. There is no farm system for the WHA, so if a player does not make the big club, he is looking for another place to play.